

Statement on Signing the Joint Resolution Settling the Railroad Strike

April 18, 1991

I have today signed H.J. Res. 222, a joint resolution "To provide for a settlement of the railroad labor-management disputes between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees." This legislation is necessary to end the current nationwide strike against the major freight railroads. If allowed to continue, the strike would cripple the economy and adversely affect national security.

I note that H.J. Res. 222 contains provisions that raise constitutional issues. One provision purports to require the President to appoint one member of the Special Board provided for in section 2 from among the members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 219. This provision could raise constitutional concerns by circumscribing my appointment power. However, because I intend for other reasons to appoint one

of the members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 219 to the Special Board, the constitutionality of that restriction will not be at issue. The legislation also purports to require the President to appoint the other two members of the Special Board from a list of arbitrators compiled by the National Mediation Board. While provisions purporting to require the President to appoint from specified lists could raise constitutional concerns, these concerns are obviated here by my authority to supervise the National Mediation Board in the preparation of the list.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
April 18, 1991.

Note: H.J. Res. 222, approved April 18, was assigned Public Law No. 102-29.

Nomination of Mary Ann Casey To Be United States Ambassador to Algeria

April 18, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Mary Ann Casey, of Colorado, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria. She would succeed Christopher W.S. Ross.

Since 1989 Ms. Casey has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Analysis for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the Department of State in Washington, DC. Prior to this Ms. Casey served at the Department of State as Director of North African Affairs, 1987-1989; studied at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University,

1986-1987; and served as Deputy Director of the Office for Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq at the Department of State, 1984-1986. From 1981 to 1984, Ms. Casey served as political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia. Ms. Casey has served at the State Department in several capacities including: country officer for Iraq, 1978-1980; staff assistant for policy planning, 1977-1978; and watch officer in the Operations Center, 1976-1977. In addition, Ms. Casey served as consul and political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco, 1974-1976.

Ms. Casey graduated from the University